Council Proceedings.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, September 29, 1884.

The City Council met in the Council Chamber. Present—Mayor Hyman (in the chair), Ald. Birrell, Hunt, Labatt, O'Marea, Cowan, Skinner, Stringer, Becher, Scarrow and Niven.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

COMMUNICATIONS READ.

From the London Skating Rink Company, asking that the license charged them for entertainments be remitted, as they had not made sufficient to cover expenses, and had not been aware a license was required. On motion it was decided that a license be granted to 28th of February next on payment of six months' license, $40.

From George Wilkie, asking for refund of dog tax. No. 1.

From the City Solicitor, enclosing copy of by-law to appoint the City Engineer to ascertain and report the probable life of certain sewers and sidewalks constructed under the local improvement sections of the Consolidated Municipal Act of 1883, and advising that the money cannot be borrowed for a longer term than the life of the works. The by-law was read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

From Meredith & Meredith, in reference to a claim of James Smith for loss sustained through a defective drain—amounting to $31—and stating that said drain is now in as bad a condition as before it was repaired. No. 2.

From John R. Brown and other ratepayers, asking for the use of the City Hall on Thursday, Oct. 9th. Granted

From Edward Pratt, asking that his taxes for 1883 be charged against the property No. 1.

From the Directors of the Mechanics' Institute, requesting a grant of $600 for defraying the yearly expenses of that institution in consideration of the reading room being thrown open to the public. No. 1.

From Mr. Archie Bremner, appealing against wrongful assessment for income tax, on the ground that he was a non-resident. No. 1 Committee.

From R. B. Hungerford, Secretary of the Masonic Temple Company, asking that a stone flag sidewalk be laid on the north side of King street in front of their building. No. 2.

From John McEwen, applying for the position of engineer of the City Hall. No. 3.

NUMBER THREE'S REPORT.

By Ald. Hunt, Chairman:—

(1) That the petition of Obadiah Cannon to lease stall No. 4 in the fish market for the sale of poultry, fish, game, etc., be recommended to the Council to be granted; (2) That section 22 of the new market by-law be rescinded; (3) That the application of George Brown for the position of engineer and caretaker of the heating apparatus in the City Hall be recommended to be granted.

On motion, the report was taken up clause by clause. Clause 1 adopted, and the petition granted.

On clause 2 the Chairman explained that the section referred to was that to prevent hucksters from purchasing on the market before 11 o'clock for the purpose of reselling, which it had been found could not be carried out, as grocers were excepted by the Act, and all that was necessary was for the hucksters to turn grocers.

On motion the clause was adopted, and a by-law ordered to be prepared in accordance therewith.

On clause 3 a vote was taken, upon motion of Ald. Birrell, seconded by Ald. Niven, on the names of Messrs. Brown and McEwen, and Mr. Brown was appointed

The report, as amended, was adopted.

NO. TWO COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Scarrow:—(1) That the petition of John Law for a piece of land in rear of his property on Clarence street be filed; (2) report progress *re* petition of Henry Hussey and others as to Gray street sewer; (3) that petition of T. F. Kingsmill for remission of sewer tax on Queen's avenue west be fyled; (4) that $5,000 additional be granted for improvements; (5) that the tender of Heard & Co. for laying piping on the Exhibition Grounds, being the lowest, was accepted at 2¼ cents per foot; (6) that the thanks of the Council are tendered to Mrs. E. W. Hyman for her munificent gift to Victoria Park of a greenhouse, sashes, etc., also to Col. Lewis for his gift of a fountain.

Upon motion the report was taken up clause by clause.

On clause 1,

Ald. Skinner moved, seconded by Ald. Cowan, that the matter be referred back to No. 2 Committee.

Lost in the following division :—

Yeas—Cowan, Skinner, Stringer—3.

Nays—Ald. Birrell, Hunt, Labatt, O'Meara, Becher, Scarrow and Niven—7.

Clause adopted.

Clauses 2 and 3 adopted.

On clause 4,

Ald. Birrell raised the point of order under sec 84.

His Worship ruled the motion out of order.

Ald. Scarrow moved that $5,000 be taken from No. 3 Committee's funds. Ald. Skinner seconded.

In amendment, Ald. Stringer moved that the clause be referred to No. 1 Committee. Ald. Cowan seconded.

Carried.

Report as amended was adopted.

NUMBER ONE'S REPORT.

By Ald. Birrell, Chairman:—

Your Committee having examined the following accounts and finding them correct, recommend the same for payment:—

NO. 1 COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

Court House and Jail—		
Maintenance	$ 453 82	
Minor Expenses	110 11	
		$563 93
Coroners' Inquests—		
Dr. Smith	1 00	
Dr. C. F. Moore	10 00	
		11 00
Incidental Expense—		
P. Murray		12 00
Law Expenses—		
Grasby vs. City		25 00
Printing, Advertising and Stationery—		
A. J. Burns		1 50
		613 43

NO. 2 COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

Streets, &c.		
Pay sheet 12	217 59	
" " 19	282 65	
" " 26	160 65	
Est. P. Phipps	2000 00	
J. Donohue	146 15	
"	191 19	
"	53 37	
J. Plummer	20 00	
Thos. Bryan	48 50	
		3120 10
City Parks—		
Pay sheet 12	16 50	
" " 19	16 00	
" " 26	16 25	
R. Leigh	29 65	
		78 40
Flagstone Pavement—		
Matheson & Heard		1700 00
City Hall—		
A. S. Murray & Co	1 50	
Hy. Colerick	200 00	
		201 50
Sewers—		
M. Cox		400 00
Exhibition Grounds—		
W. H. Heard & Co		50 00
Kensington Bridge—		
Thos. Culbert		7 50
		5557 50

NO. 3 COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

Fire Department—		
Jas. Wright & Co.	$ 7 93	
James Percival	49 45	
W. Y. Brunton & Son	1 57	
Pay sheet	748 31	
		807 26
Street Lighting—		
Wm. Ironsides		164 03
		971 29
Relief Accounts—		
G. T. R. Co. Passes, June	55 05	
" " " July	35 65	
P. O. Home	12 00	
Sundries	15 00	
Thos. Boyd & Son	24 70	
		142 40
Total accounts		$7,284 62

2—In reference to the second clause o the sixteenth report of No. 3 Committee your Committee beg to report no funds beyond the appropriation for the year 1884.

3—That the petition of Eliza Harris, a deaf and dumb mute, for remission of 1883 taxes, be granted.

4—That the communication of Mrs. Kenny be referred to the Water Commissioners, with a recommendation to compromise the matter if possible.

5—That the petitions of Robert McGurdy and Mrs. Rolfe for extension of time to pay 1883 taxes be granted by accepting payment up to October 1st next.

6—That the petition of Mrs. Henry Fysh *re* income tax be fyled.

7—Your Committee beg to report progress in the county's claim *re*-administration of criminal justice and Ald. Becher's motion *re* sale of exhibition grounds, etc. also on Hector Monck's petition *re* dog tax.

8—That the petition of Mrs. Bridget Moran for remission of taxes for 1883 be filed.

9—That the petition of Mrs. Ann Geohegan be granted by charging 1883 taxes against her property.

On motion clause 4 was amended by striking out all the words after commissioners and simply referring the matter to the Water Commissioners.

The report, with the amended clause, was adopted.

Mr. Smith was heard in reference to the loss sustained by him through a defective drain.

Ald. Hunt wished to have the clerk instructed to write to Mr. Hickson and ask why the gates promised in February last for the railway street crossings had not been placed in position ; and the clerk was instructed to communicate with Mr. Hickson to that effect.

Council adjourned at 8:40 for two weeks.